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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

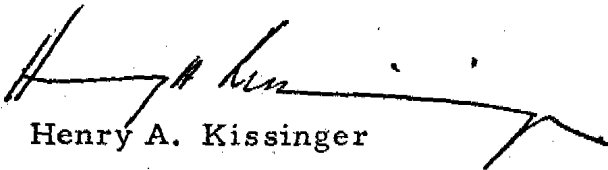
SUBJECT: US-Soviet Maritime Talks

The President has reviewed the negotiating instructions for the forthcoming US-Soviet maritime talks, and he has considered the issues raised in the forwarding memorandum of January 19 from the Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

The President has approved the negotiating instructions for the talks, except as follows. With regard to that section of the instructions addressing national flag cargo carriage, he has decided that any agreement understanding on this issue should include a provision to the effect that implementation of the understanding will be contingent on agreement to be reached between the two sides on an effective mechanism to ensure equal participation. The President has further directed that the interested agencies develop recommendations as to an effective mechanism to ensure such participation and that they forward such recommendations for his consideration as soon as possible after the talks.

The President has decided that the US delegation shall be chaired by the representative of the Secretary of State and that the representative of the Secretary of Commerce shall serve as the US spokesman during those phases of the talks concerned with commercial shipping matters.

The President has reaffirmed the assignment in NSDM 146 of responsibility to the NSC Under Secretaries Committee for backstopping the talks.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of Commerce
The Attorney General
The Secretary of Transportation
The Director of Central Intelligence